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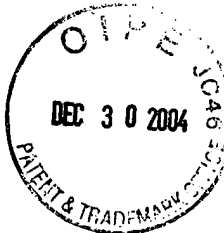
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TITLE OF INVENTION: MEANS FOR COUPLING CONDUIT

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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HEWITT, JAMES M	3679	285-420000

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Serial No.: 09/982,507

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For: MEANS FOR COUPLING CONDUIT

Group Art Unit: 3679

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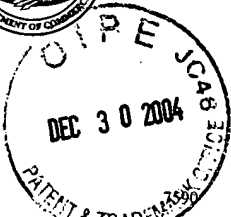
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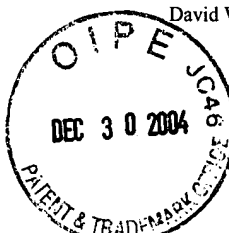
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